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FOR: ROUTING CONTROL SYSTEM, ROUTING CONTROL DEVICE, AND ROUTING CONTROL METHOD

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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SIR:

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of Allowability of the claimed invention. In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowance of January 13, 2009, Applicants respectfully submit the following comments.

In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance on page 3 of the Notice of Allowance mailed January 13, 2009, paragraph 3 states in part:

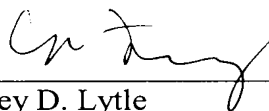
However, the prior art fails to anticipate or render obvious the following recited features in claims [*sic*] 3 similar claims 7-16 limitations: "A routing control system, comprising: a plurality of routing devices for transferring packets on a network, and a control server for controlling a transfer route of said packets, wherein each of said plurality of routing devices includes routing related information reception means for receiving routing related information from an adjacent routing device; generation means for generating a temporary routing control table based on the received routing related information; and transmission means for transmitting the temporary routing control table generated by said generation means to said control server, and said control server includes reception means for receiving a plurality of the temporary routing control tables transmitted by the transmission means of said plurality of routing devices; control means for controlling the transfer route of said

packets by using the plurality of the temporary routing control tables received by said reception means; and reception notification means for notifying the reception of said temporary routing control table to the routing device which is the transmission source of said temporary routing control table, when said temporary routing control table is transmitted.”

Although the above comment seems to be directed to Claim 3, it is respectfully noted that independent Claims 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 15 and 16 do not include all of the elements recited above. For example, Claim 7 recites a “reception notification means for transmitting a confirmation of receipt of the second temporary routing control table” and does not recite a “reception notification means for notifying reception of the routing control table,” Claims 9 and 10 do not recite a “reception notification means,” Claims 11 and 12 recite “a plurality of temporary routing control tables transmitted” and “the plurality of temporary routing control tables being generated” and do not recite “transmitting means for transmitting the temporary routing control table generated by said generation means” and Claims 13, 15 and 16 recite a method comprising “generating” and “transmitting” and do not recite a “transmission means” and a “generation means,” respectively. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the above quoted statement applies only to independent Claim 3 and not to independent Claims 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15 and 16 (and claims dependent therefrom).

Respectfully Submitted,

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